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Prineville BLM Lifts Seasonal Wildlife Closure in Dry River Canyon

BEND-The Prineville Bureau of Land Management (BLM) recently lifted a seasonal wildlife closure order in Dry River Canyon, an 839-acre block of public land located just north of Highway 20, approximately twenty miles southeast of Bend. The closure included all access to the canyon including hiking, geo-caching, mountain biking and equestrian use.

"We are pleased that most people understood the need to protect sensitive breeding wildlife and complied with the closure order," said Robert Towne, Field Manager of BLM's Deschutes Resource Area. Signs that were posted on site to advise the public of the wildlife closure have been removed.

The canyon closure occurs annually from mid-February until August 31. However, as occurred this year, biologists are usually able to re-open the canyon sometime in July. Such closures are legal requirements as directed by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act to provide protection for sensitive wildlife habitat.

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